Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program aims to advance higher education practices, policies, and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes, and through the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, it works to improve colleges' understanding and capacity to teach and graduate students; and,

Whereas, Lake Area Technical Institute is the only Technical Institute in the nation to finish as a Finalist With Distinction in 2011, 2013, and 2015, and Lake Area Technical Institute is once again a finalist in 2017; and,

Whereas, Every two years Aspen does an extensive analyses of the over 1000 Technical Institutes to select the finalists and winner and will be awarding a purse of $1 million; and,

Whereas, Lake Area Technical Institute has a graduation rate that is four-times the national average and student placement that exceeds 99 percent; and,

Whereas, Focusing on student success and lifting up models that work, the Aspen Prize aims to further the national understanding of Technical Institutes that strive to increase student success, stimulate innovation, and creating benchmarks for measuring progress:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2017, as

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State